

## What is claimed is:

1 1. A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:

receiving a request from a calling party to send a first call station a number

sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station; and

sending said number in accordance with said request.

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2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with

said second call station is active; and

4 terminating said first call request in accordance with said determination prior

to sending said first call station said number.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 sending a reconnect request to said first call station after said number is sent;

3 receiving a response to said reconnect request; and

4 sending a second call request to connect said first call station with said second

5 call station.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes said number.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes another

2 number.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said sending comprises:

2 converting said number to audio form; and

3 sending said number to said first call station in audio form.

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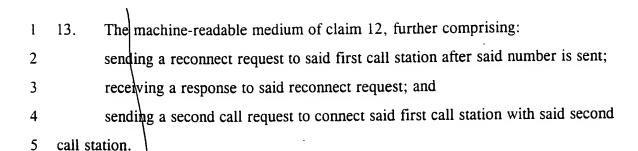
- The method of claim 1, wherein said first call station is associated with a 7. 1 display device, and said sending comprises sending said number to said display 2 3 device! The method of claim 7, wherein said display device is a caller identification 8. 1
- The method of claim 1, further comprising sending indicia of said request to a 9. 1 2 billing system.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
- 2 recording said request by said billing system; and
- 3 billing said request to the calling party.

display device.

A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to verify 11. a dialed number, comprising: receiving a request from a calling party to send a first call station a number sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station; and sending said number in accordance with said request.

The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising: 12.

- determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with
- said second call station is active; and 3
- terminating said call request in accordance with said determination prior to 4
- 5 sending said first call\station said number.



- 1 14. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request utilizes said number.
- 1 15. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request utilizes another number.
- 1 16. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending comprises:
  2 converting said number to audio form; and
- sending said number to said first call station in audio form.
- 1 17. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said first call station is
  2 associated with a display device, and said sending comprises sending said
  3 number to said display device.
- 1 18. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein said display device is a caller identification display device.
- 1 19. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising sending indicia 2 of said request to a billing system.

20. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising: 1 2 recording said request by said billing system; and 3 billing said request to the calling party. An apparatus to verify a dialed number, comprising a dialed number verification module to receive a dialed number verification request from a calling station and to send said dialed number to said calling station in response to said request. A method of delivering a dialed number to a calling party over a network, 22. 1 2 comprising: connecting a first call station used by said calling party to a messaging 3 4 platform to create a message for a second call station; determining whether to send said first call station a number associated with 5 6 said second call station; and sending said number to said first call station in accordance with said 7 determination. 8 The method of claim 22, wherein said connecting comprises: 23. 1 receiving a call request to connect said first call station to said second call 2 3 station using said number; determining whether said second call station answers said call request; 4 determining whether to create a message for said second call station if said 5 second call station does not answer said call request; and 6 connecting said first call station to said messaging platform if said first call 7

station is to create said message.

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l	24.	The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:	
2		sending a dialed number verification request to said first call station;	
3		receiving a response to said dialed number verification request indicating	
4	whethe	er to send said first call station said number; and	
5		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance	
6	with sa	aid response.	
1	25.	The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:	
2		accessing a user profile associated with said first call station and having a	
3	predet	predetermined dialed number verification response; and	
4		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance	
5	with said response.		
1	26.	The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:	
2		accessing a system profile associated with said messaging platform and having	
3	a pred	a predetermined dialed number verification response; and	
4		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance	
5	with s	aid response.	
1	27.	The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:	
2		accessing a user profile associated with said second call station and having a	
3	prede	termined dialed number verification response; and	
4		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance	
5	with s	said response.	

The method of claim 22, wherein said sending comprises: 1 28. 2 retrieving said number; and sending said number to said first call station over a public switched telephone 3 network. 4 The method of claim 28, wherein said retrieving comprises: 29. 1 receiving a message creation request having said number at said messaging 2 3 platform; storing said number in memory; and 4 retrieving said number from said memory. . 5 The method of claim 28, wherein said retrieving comprises: 1 30. sending a number request to a device storing said number; and 2 3 receiving said number from said device. The method of claim 30, wherein said device provides dialed number 31. 1 identification services. 2 The method of claim 22, wherein said messaging platform is part of an 32. 1 2 intelligent services network. The method of claim 22, wherein said messaging platform comprises customer 33. 1 2 premise equipment. The method of claim 33, wherein said customer premise equipment comprises 1 34. 2 a telephone answering machine. 3

I	33.	The method of claim 22, further comprising sending materia of said request to
2		a billing system.
1	36.	The method of claim 35, further comprising:
2		recording said request by said billing system; and
3		billing said request to the calling party.
1	37.	A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to
2		deliver a dialed number to a calling party over a network to connect a first call
3		station to a second call station, comprising:
4		connecting said first call station to a messaging platform connected to said
5	netwo	rk to create a message for said second call station;
6		determining whether to send said first call station a number associated with
7	said s	econd call station; and
8		sending said number to said first call station in accordance with said
9	detern	nination.
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1	38.	The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said connecting
2		comprises:
3		receiving a call request to connect a first call station to said second call station
4	using	said number;
5		determining whether said second call station answers said call request;
6		determining whether to create a message for said second call station if said
7	secon	d call station does not answer said call request; and
8		connecting said first call station to said messaging platform if said first call
9	statio	n is to create said message.

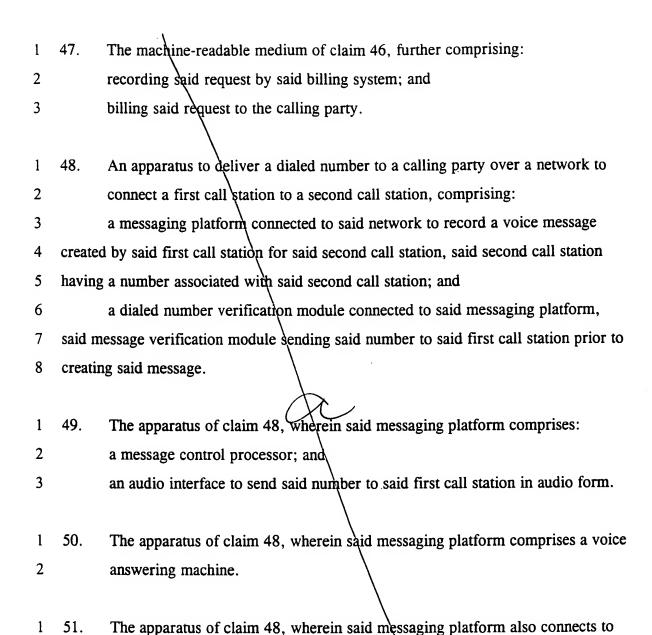
1	39.	The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2		comprises:
3		sending a dialed number verification request to said first call station;
4		receiving a response to said dialed number verification request indicating
5	wheth	er to send said first call station said number; and
6		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
7	with s	said response.
1	40.	The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2		comprises:
3		accessing a user profile associated with said first call station and having a
4	prede	termined dialed number verification response; and
5		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
6	with :	said response.
1	41.	The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2		comprises:
3		accessing a system profile associated with said messaging platform and having
4	a pre	determined dialed number verification response; and
5		determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
6	with	said response.

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42. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining 1 2 comprises: accessing a user profile associated with said second call station and having a 3 predetermined dialed humber verification response; and 4 5 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance with said response. 6 The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said sending comprises: 1 43. 2 retrieving said number;\and sending said number to said first call station using a public switched telephone 3 network. 44. The machine-readable medium of claim 43, wherein said retrieving comprises: 1 receiving a message creation request having said number at said messaging 2 3 platform; 4 storing said number in memory; and 5 retrieving said number from said memory. The machine-readable medium of claim 43, wherein said retrieving comprises: 45. sending a number request to a device storing said number; and 2 3 receiving said number from said device. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, further comprising sending indicia 1 46.

of said request to a billing system.

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an intelligent services network.

- A system to deliver a dialed number to a calling party over a network, 1 52. 2 comprising: 3 a first call station; 4 a second call station; said network connecting said first call station to said second call station, said 5 network receiving a number sent by said first call station to connect said second call 6 station with said first call station; and 7 a messaging platform'connected to said network, said messaging platform 8 sending said number to said first call station prior to creating a message for said 9 10 second call station.
- 1 53. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining and sending is performed by said message platform.
- 1 54. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining and sending is performed by a network device other than said messaging platform.

